Features of National Book Policy

2221. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2889 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 1992 and state:

(a) the details and the features of the National Book Policy;

(b) whether a National Workshop on the subject was held recently; and

(c) if so, the details of consensus emerged at the workshop and follow-up action taken thereon alongwith the present status of the New Book Policy and action taken at Union and State Governments level?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The National Policy on Education 1986 (with modification undertaken in 1992) has spelt out the policy on Books as under: "The availability of books at low prices is indispensable for people's education. Effort will be made to secure easy accessibility to books for all segments of the population. Measures will be taken to improve the quality of books, promote the reading habit and encourage creative writing. Authors' interests will be protected. Good translations of foreign books into Indian languages will be supported. Special attention will be paid to the production of quality of books for children, including text books and work books."

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Demands of AIKVTA

2222. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some AIKVTA leaders had announced to launch a fast unto death on 2nd February, 1993 in New Delhi;

(b) what were their demands; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) According to information furnished by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the then General Secretary, All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association (AIKVTA), had addressed a communication dated 1-2-1993 to the Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan intimating that the members of his association would launch a fast unto death in case the issue of so called 'SURPLUS' teachers is not resolved immediately.

Keeping in view that a series of discussions have already been held between the Sangathan and the representatives of the Associations in August/October, 1992, in November, 1992 and in the Joint Consultative Machinery in December, 1992 and the fact that the Sangathan is always prepared for further discussions with the Association on all genuine grievances to arrive at reasonable solutions, the General Secretary of AIKVTA was advised not to resort to agitational course.

Eviction in Pallavapuram, Madras

2223. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India propose to evict a thousand families living in Pallavapuram area of Kancheepuram near Madras are likely to be evicted in view of ASI undertaking excavations;